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——*Fruitur Damno.*—— Claudian.

WHAT has been obſerv'd by *Naturaliſts*, when they come to treat of the many *Species* of minute *Inſects*, and of the ſeveral Kinds of *Poiſonous Animals*, that all of them, however Inconſiderable in their Bulk, or Hurtful in their Nature, are ſome way or other Beneficial to Mankind, and at a proper Seaſon Uſeful and Medicinal, may, with great Juſtice, be applied to thoſe Inſects and Venomous Reptiles of the *Political World*, I mean the *Whigs*. Their Nature is not quite ſo Corrupt, nor their Numbers ſo far decreaſed, but a skilful Operator can find his Account in working them up to a Drug, and may be allow'd to number them among his Medicines. I have known, where a good deal of *Whig* has been applied, very ſtrange Effects have followed, and great Cures have been perform'd; and therefore in this Paper I ſhall enquire into the *Uſes* of that buſie Creature; and, for the Honour of the *Species*, I intend to carry my Obſervations ſomewhat farther than the Philoſophers I juſt now mentioned have done: By the Diſcoveries which have been made concerning a few Animals, they are forc'd to gueſs at the Uſefulneſs of the reſt, and to build the general Remark upon a Probability ariſing from two or three Inſtances; whilſt I confine my ſelf wholly to one *Species*, and from clear Fact and confirm'd Experience ſhall ſhew, how advantageous the *Whigs* are to the Government under which they live, how good in their kind, and how conducive to the Publick Welfare.

The *Whigs* are of great Uſe to us, as they ſerve for a *Drain* and *Canal* of *Hereſie*. There are ſeveral great *Genii* of *Britain*, who have given Proofs of a violent Diſpoſition to diſtinguiſh themſelves in the Cauſe of *Schiſm*, *Profaneneſs*, *Atheiſm*, and *Irreligion*: But the *Faction* have bought them all up, engroſs'd and monopoliz'd them, united them under one common Denomination, and melted them down into one Body. According to this Method, they will not ſuffer any of the particular *Sects* to vent their *Noſtrums*, or exert themſelves their own way, any farther than they can promote the Cauſe of the Party. They oblige the *Atheiſt* not to trouble himſelf any longer with the *Principal*, but diſpute altogether concerning the Being of the *Vicegerent*: They will not let the *Diſſenters* inſiſt for *Claſſes* and *Synods*, or call upon the *Lord* for *Temporal Power*, but confine them to the Drudgery of pulling down the *Church*, only as they are *Whigs*; and they muſt come into any *Self-denying Meaſures*, for the ſake of their Party. The *Socinian* and *Deiſt* are taken off from Attacking the *Creeds*, that they may be more at leiſure to treat of *Original Contracts*, *States* of *Nature*, and *Foundations* of *Government*. The *Libertine* and *Free-Thinker* are intreated to meddle only with the *Civil* Rights and Liberties of the Subject. The *Latitudinarian* and *Profeſſor* of *Moderation* muſt drop their Invectives againſt *Uncharitableneſs* and *Party-rage*, and ſtick entirely to *Fears*, *Jealouſies*, *Mutiny* and *Sedition*: Whilſt the *Calves-Head-Club* Men and *Defenders* of *Forty One*, lay themſelves wholly out in maintaining the Sacred *Obligation* of *Oaths*, and the *Indefeaſible Right* of *Limited Succeſſions*. In ſhort, all *Schiſms* and *Hereſies* are ſuck'd up and devour'd by Party, and no *Sect* is encourag'd but as they are *Whigs*. For which reaſon *Tol—d*, *Tin—l*, and *Coll—s*, who ſeem to have broken Orders by falling more directly upon *Religion*, before they had gone through with the grand Affair of aboliſhing *Government*, are not of late ſo well with the Party, nor ſo much in their good Graces. This Conduct of the *Faction* is of ſingular Uſe to the Publick, it prevents, at leaſt for a time, the ſeveral inferior *Clans* of *Whigs*, as they ſtand ſubdivided into *Atheiſts*, *Deiſts*, *Schiſmaticks*, &c, from infeſting us with thoſe ſtale Diſputes and that everlaſting Wrangle, which one *Sect* formerly maintain'd againſt another; becauſe the common Name of *Whig* has now made them all Brethren: And at the ſame time, it hinders the *Saints*, in point of good Policy, from being over-zealous in the Cauſe of Irreligion, and too forward to open all their Treaſures and Stores of Hereſie upon us at once, whereby they might ſeem to foreſtal that glorious Age of *Univerſal Anarchy* and *Unbelief*, which they have been ſo long labouring to introduce.

On the other hand, the *Whigs* do a great deal of good in their Generation, by diſcouraging the Growth of *Hypocriſie*, and by detecting a ſubtle Sort of Men, call'd *Trimmers*, who are very dangerous Enemies to a State, whilſt they miſtake want of Opportunity for want of Inclination to do Miſchief. There are many, who would retire and lie By in obſcurity, till a favourable Opportunity offer'd, when they might declare themſelves openly, to their own and their Party's Advantage. Others expect *Indulgencies* and *Diſpenſations* for Voting with the *Tories*; they care not with whom they mingle in the Dance, whilſt they are admitted only in Maſquerade, and by a ſervile Compliance with the People in Power, can underhand betray them, and ſerve their excluded Brethren with ſecret good Offices, which may at once ſave both their *Credit* and *Sallaries*. Foes of this kind are truly formidable, as a Spy in the Town is of more Conſequence than a Thouſand Beſiegers. But the *Whigs* are the happy Inſtruments of ſaving us from this Danger; they will ſuffer none of their Partizans to Trim, Comply or Diſguiſe themſelves: *Moderation* is a Vertue they are pleas'd to *Teach*, but not to *Practiſe*; and whenever their Fury is at the height, or ſome Juncture preſents it ſelf, which they are reſolved not to ſlip, they never give over teazing their *Outlying* or *Retired Friends*, till either they have forc'd them to declare themſelves, or treated them ſo much like *Tories*, that out of regard to their own Quiet, they at laſt oblige them to Reform. By theſe means they bring many a *Sneaker* to Light, they let the *Miniſtry* into the Secrets of many Hearts, they divide the *Sheep* from the *Goats*, and plainly ſhew us who are *for* and who *againſt* the Government, than which there cannot be a more uſeful and friendly Diſcovery.

By the right Timing and well Ordering of their Attacks upon the Conſtitution in Church or State, the *Whigs*

Whigs take care to open our Eyes, and let us ſee our Danger, where is our weakeſt Side, and when, and at which Quarter, it is our Buſineſs to begin to Fortify and make all Safe. We have many excellent Laws, which we owe entirely to their Eagerneſs in purſuit of Power; and by an unnatural Struggle and Oppoſition, they direct our Governors, and point out the ready Road to Peace and laſting Security. They encourage Vigilance and Induſtry, and keep awake all thoſe active Principles, which give Life to a Good Cauſe, and inſpire the firſt Movers of the State with Reſolutions becoming their Nature and their Office. They make them aſſiduous in their Concern for the Publick, and Conſtant to their Purpoſes: They oblige them to be early in Providing, cautious in Determining, and courageous in Executing what they undertake. The Noiſe and Clamour of the *Whigs* are like the Roar of an hungry Lyon, or the Noiſe of a diſtant Cataract: It is a difficult Task to walk or ſteer amiſs, when the Signals and Indications of Danger are every Day ſounding in our Ears.

All the *Orators* and *Poets* in the World could not magnify or recommend a *Miniſtry* with a finer Grace, than the *Whigs* have done. Thus *Juno* recommended *Hercules*, by laying new Difficulties in his way, and exerciſing his Valour with freſh Monſters, till her Envy was tir'd and his Glory made perfect. At the ſame time by rallying all their Forces and putting forth their whole Strength, they have made it neceſſary for all good Men to Unite; they have rous'd the Careleſs and Supine, undeceiv'd the Moderate and Miſtaken, provok'd the Eaſie and Credulous, confirm'd the Weak and Wavering, inſpir'd the Selfiſh with more generous Motives, brought back many Revolters to their former Principles, and obliged all thoſe, who heartily love the Conſtitution, themſelves, or their Poſterity, to lay aſide all private Piques and Reſentments, and to Sacrifice every Paſſion, Self-Intereſt, Ambition, Avarice, Envy, Revenge and Pride, to the publick Service and Love of their Country. So that to them we owe the forming of that happy Union and grand Alliance between *Tories* and *Tories*, which has ſeconded the vigorous Endeavours of the *Miniſtry*, has render'd us formidable Abroad, and can alone ſecure and make us entirely bleſſed at Home. For now all our Diviſions are reduced to *Two*, and thoſe *Two* depend upon ſo unequal a Ballance, the perfect Tranquility, we long for, ſeems to come much nearer our View, than when we were ſplit and crumbled into many *Underparts* and *Subdiviſions*, contrived by wicked and deſigning Men, as a more expeditious way of tumbling us at once into Confuſion.

The *Whigs* are of admirable Uſe in the way of a *Spur* and a *Whetſtone*. Their Fretfulneſs and Poignancy do good, where they were intended to Wound and Deſtroy. The Rage, Violence, Thirſt of Blood, Love of Diſcord, and an Implacable revengeful Temper ſo inherent in that Party, may convince thoſe among them, who ſtill retain ſome Marks of the Man, the Fellow-Subject, and the *Chriſtian*, that there is no Reſt, no *Calming of Minds*, no *Cultivating the Arts of Peace* in a Confederacy, which ſubſiſts upon Diſcord and Contention. And this Spirit, this *Damon* of Strife, has of late ſpit ſo much Fire, and ſhew'd the *Fury* in ſo many dreadful Shapes, that we are now happily deliver'd from the Danger of a *Mix'd Miniſtry*, and that fatal Project of a *Coalition*, which whoever contriv'd, was certainly more fond of Peace, than ſolicitous about the Means of attaining it. The *Whigs* have done this; they have clear'd up the Difference between Light and Darkneſs, Good and Evil, and made it a Demonſtration, that after having *Swept the Houſe*, if we ſhould *Take to our ſelves the ſeven Old Devils*, and make them Inmates with us, our *Laſt Eſtate* would be worſe than the *Firſt*.

Conſider the *Whigs* in the Nature of *Rods* and *Scourges*, and they do great Execution, and ſerve very well for Inſtruments of Juſtice, in the Hands of the *Tories*: For their Friendſhip is ſo very Dangerous and Fatal, that they never fail to Chaſtiſe thoſe, who are deepeſt in their Affections. Men know them ſo well, that they will not make uſe of them but as the Tools of Avarice and Ambition; tho' it is a great Miſtake to imagine, that a *Body* of *Sand*, a *Moving Baſis*, ever mouldring away and averſe to Reſt, can be the *Solid Foundation* of *True Greatneſs*; and therefore whoever is ſcandaliz'd at the Riſe and Splendor of any of their *Idols*, need only wait the common Period of a *Popular Emergence*, and he ſhall ſee Vengeance light on them from the ſame Hands that lifted them to the Clouds. Nor is it leſs remarkable, that the *Whigs* never Perverted or Seduced any Stateſman of Figure from his Duty, but they at laſt Ruin'd him: So that adhering to them ſeems to be one of thoſe Vices which foreſtals Futurity, and, by juſt and Natural Conſequences, annexes the Puniſhment to the Crime.

The wiſe Managers of this Age have ſo Conducted the Publick Affairs, as to make the *Whigs* extreamly Uſeful in the Buſineſs of *Precedents*. For by working upon their Intereſts, Paſſions and Appetites, they have drawn them in, at one time or other, to agree to whatever they had formerly oppoſed, to Retract what they had been moſt Tenacious of, and to lend a Hand even to the Ruin of their Party. How eager are they now for Enquiries and Examinations into the Pubick Accounts, and the making of Treaties and Alliances; when nothing could ſhew the *Tories* to greater Advantage, or bring ſo many Sins of the *Whigs* to remembrance? By giving in ſo readily to the *Occaſional Bill* they have permitted us to quote them at any time, whenever it ſhall be thought neceſſary to make that Act more effectual, or otherwiſe to provide for the *Purity* and *Safety* of the *Church of England*. Nay, they have been ſo finely handled. as to be made Parties even to the *Tack*. Such is the Advantage, ſuch the happy Conſequences of humbling Men, and reducing them to a Senſe of their Sins, and a Reſolution to amend! Take from them their Pomps and Vanities, if you have any regard for their Souls, any deſign to enlighten their Minds, or reform their Conſciences.

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